

court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration

[Docket No. FR-3876-D-01]

Revocation and Delegation of Procurement Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of revocation and redelegation of procurement authority.

SUMMARY: This notice revokes current redelegations of procurement authority to the Field and Headquarters staff. It implements the final phase of the field reorganization of procurement authority for the Office of Administration. In this phase, procurement authority in the Field is consolidated under three Administrative Service Centers. This document makes no changes to the procurement authority redelegated to the President of the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA). **EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 28, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward L. Girovasi, Jr., Director, Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Procurement and Contracts, Room 5262, 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20410, (202) 708-0294. A telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available at 202-708-1112. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In November of 1993, the Secretary announced the reorganization of HUD's field structure to improve HUD's performance and provide HUD's customers (members of the public and program beneficiaries) more efficient service and less bureaucracy by empowering HUD employees to serve HUD's customers more effectively. In implementing this objective, the

Secretary decided to remove the Regional organizational layer and provide officials at lower organizational levels full authority to carry out program functions, with these Field Office officials reporting directly to program officials in Headquarters..

In a delegation of authority, published on April 15, 1994 at 59 FR 18276, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development revoked all delegations of procurement authority, and issued a new delegation which consolidated into a single document all delegations of procurement authority to the Assistant Secretary for Administration (the Department's Senior Procurement Executive.) On that same day, the Assistant Secretary for Administration published a redelegation of procurement authority, at 59 FR 18277, implementing the initial phase of the field reorganization of procurement authority for the Office of Administration. In that redelegation, the Assistant Secretary for Administration revoked all redelegations of procurement authority, and issued a new redelegation consolidating into one document all redelegations of procurement authority to HUD Headquarters and Field staff.

In this phase of HUD's Field reorganization, Administrative Service Centers (ASCs) will be established to consolidate and expedite contracting, personnel, accounting, facilities, management information, and other common administrative support functions. On October 27, 1994, the Assistant Secretary for Administration announced the selection of three ASCs: New York, Atlanta and Denver. Accordingly, in this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Administration is revoking the redelegation issued on April 15, 1994, including all procurement authority redelegated to Regional and Field Office officials. In this new redelegation reflecting the changed Field organizational structure, authority is redelegated to each ASC Director and ASC Contracting Division Director. In addition, this document gives HUD procurement officials increased flexibility: The Director, Office of Procurement and Contracts (OPC), at the Headquarters Office, has the authority to award and administer contracts which are national in scope or which may cover more than one ASC service area; and ASC contracting officials have the authority to meet changing workload demands by further redelegating certain procurement authority to qualified HUD field personnel, as specified.

Lastly, in this document, the redelegations to the Field staff and to

the Director, OPC, at the Headquarters Office, are revised to streamline the Department's management of the Governmentwide Commercial Credit Card Program. However, this redelegation does not address the Government Travel Card Program. American Express or other credit cards issued under the Government Travel Card Program may only be used to pay for authorized travel-related services for which the individual traveler is responsible.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Administration revokes and redelegates authority as follows:

Section A. Redelegation of Authority

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, designated as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive, redelegates the following power and authority:

1. The Director, Office of Procurement and Contracts, designated as the Department's principal Contracting Officer, is authorized to:

a. Enter into and administer all procurement contracts and interagency agreements for property and services required by the Department (including the placement of paid advertisements in newspapers;)

b. Enter into and administer grants and cooperative agreements in support of the Department's discretionary assistance programs;

c. Make determinations and findings regarding the use of advance payments under FAR Subpart 32.4 and HUDAR 2432.402; and,

d. Further redelegate the following authority which has been redelegated in this notice, to the headquarters and field personnel identified below, provided they meet experience, education, and training requirements established by the Senior Procurement Executive:

(i) The authority identified in Sections 1.a. and 1.b., above, to qualified Office of Procurement and Contracts personnel;

(ii) The authority identified in Sections 1.a. and 1.b., above, to the Directors, Administrative Service Center Contracting Divisions for purposes of awarding and administering contracts or other agreements which are national in scope or which cover more than one Administrative Service Center service area;

(iii) To qualified Departmental employees, the authority to engage in the following purchasing procedures:

1. Small purchases (FAR Part 13);
2. Issuance of delivery orders under contracts established by other Government sources (FAR Part 8, e.g., GSA Federal Supply Schedules) or

under pre-priced indefinite-delivery contracts established by the Department; and,

3. Purchases using the Government-wide Commercial Credit Card system in accordance with the Department's directives governing credit card purchasing. Authority redelegated to the Commercial Credit Card Program Administrator may be further redelegated by the Program Administrator to qualified Headquarters employees for purchases within the micro-purchase threshold established in FAR Part 13.

2. The President of the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) is authorized to exercise procurement authority with respect to requirements related to GNMA's programmatic functions. The President of GNMA is authorized to redelegate any of the powers or authority redelegated to him or her to qualified GNMA employees.

3. Each Director, Administrative Service Center (ASC), and Director, ASC Contracting Division, is designated as a Contracting Officer and is authorized to, subject to any limitations imposed by the Senior Procurement Executive:

a. Enter into and administer all procurement contracts and interagency agreements for property and services required by the Department (including the placement of paid advertisements in newspapers) with regard to: Activities within his or her ASC service area; or, activities which may be national in scope or which cover more than one ASC service area when specifically delegated by the Director, Office of Procurement and Contracts. However, any purchase of Federal Information Processing (FIP) supplies or services (i.e., ADP-related contract actions) requires the prior approval of the Director, Office of Information Policies and Systems;

b. Order a Limited Denial of Participation sanction, pursuant to HUD regulations at 24 CFR 24.700;

c. Make determinations and findings regarding the use of advance payments under FAR Subpart 32.4 and HUDAR 2432.402;

d. Further redelegate the award and administration of an individual or class of procurement contracts or interagency agreements to another director, ASC Contracting Division, with the concurrence of the Senior Procurement Executive; and,

e. Further redelegate the authority redelegated in paragraph 3.a., above, to any of the following personnel, provided that they meet experience, education, and training requirements established by the Senior Procurement

Executive and provided that any other requirements listed below are met:

(i) To ASC Contracting Division personnel;

(ii) To Office of Housing personnel in State or Area Offices within the ASC service area for procurement contracts which concern programmatic functions and which are funded by the FHA Fund. At a minimum, this authority shall be delegated to a specific Office of Housing management official designated by the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner in each State and Area Office for the following purposes:

1. Emergency procurement authority;

2. Small purchase authority (FAR Part 13) in offices without full-time contracting personnel.

The Office of Housing will be given 30 days advance notice if any of the above authority in paragraph 3.e.(ii) will be withdrawn and subsequently redelegated to ASC personnel.

(iii) To Administration personnel within the ASC service area for the following purposes:

1. Small purchases (FAR Part 13); and,

2. Issuance of delivery orders under contracts established by other Government sources (FAR Part 8, e.g. GSA Federal Supply Schedules) or under pre-priced indefinite-delivery contracts established by the Department.

(iv) To Departmental personnel within the ASC service area, for purchases using the Governmentwide Commercial Credit Card system, in accordance with the Department's directives governing credit card purchasing. Authority redelegated to the Director, Administrative Resources Division may be further redelegated by that Director to qualified field personnel within the service area for purchases within the micro-purchase threshold established in FAR Part 13.

Section B. Authority Revoked

All power and authority redelegated at Section A. of the Notice of Redelegation of Authority, published on April 15, 1994 at 59 FR 18277, is revoked.

Authority: Sec. 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act [42 U.S.C. 3535(d)].

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Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Regarding the Application for Incidental Take and Implementation of a Long-Term Habitat Conservation Plan for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat, an Endangered Species, in Western Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the draft Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on the application to Incidentally Take Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) in Riverside County, California, is available for public review. The Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for a 30-year Incidental Take Permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Service also advises the public that the application package prepared by the RCHCA, which includes the SKR Long-term Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), Implementing Agreement (IA), and Incidental Take Permit Application, is available for public review. Comments are requested and a public hearing will be held. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public.

DATES: Written comments are requested by September 18, 1995. A public meeting will be conducted on September 6, 1995, in Riverside, California, beginning at 1:00 pm. Agency representatives will be available to answer questions and receive either written or oral comments concerning the draft Joint EIS/EIR.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Gail C. Kobetich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Field Office, 2730 Loker Ave. West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (619) 431-9618. The public meeting will be held at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, 14th Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pete Sorensen, Endangered Species Division Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,